

1 December 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : MC&G Requirements

1. I would like to review the operational procedures utilized by the NRO and approved by COMIREX for expenditure of KH-4 film against MC&G requirements. It is my understanding that:

COMIREX has not specified a maximum or minimum amount of film that can be expended against MC&G requirements. Film expenditure should be primarily based on mission intelligence requirements and the occurrence of highly favorable weather forecasts in the MC&G areas. To realize a reasonable requirement satisfaction, against film expended, it is understood a very favorable weather forecast, on the order of 90% cloud free, is utilized by the NRO as weather criteria for camera operation against MC&G requirements. It is my understanding, also, that based on the present outstanding MC&G requirements, their location and climatology, that an expenditure of approximately 5% of a missions' total film is about the amount that could be expected to be expended on an average mission.

Based on the above understanding, I have maintained close coordination with your operational personnel during the course of each mission and have requested to be notified if expenditure of film against MC&G requirements exceeds approximately 5% during the course of any mission. This arrangement is not intended to inhibit any operational decisions but a reassessment of mission priorities may be required in some instances dependent on the particular intelligence requirements at that time. I also request that at any time during a mission that the NRO feels it is necessary to completely curtail MC&G operations that ICRS/COMIREX should be consulted.

2. I believe the above procedures have worked very well in the past and see no reason why they should not continue to be satisfactory. I have reviewed this memorandum with [REDACTED] and he concurs in its content.

NRO review(s) completed.

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Acting Chairman
Imagery Collection Requirements
Subcommittee

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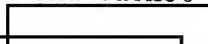
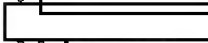
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TO : 

FROM :

DATE: 1 December 1969

SUBJECT: MC&G Film Management

There has been some criticism diverted my way, of the arbitrary "cut-off" of MC&G requirements during the second bucket of 1052. As best I can determine this was a decision by  based on second bucket film requirements and explained to  as overriding intelligence requirements. I feel we should be part of such a decision and a restatement of film management procedures is in order at this time. If you concur I will forward the attached memo.

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